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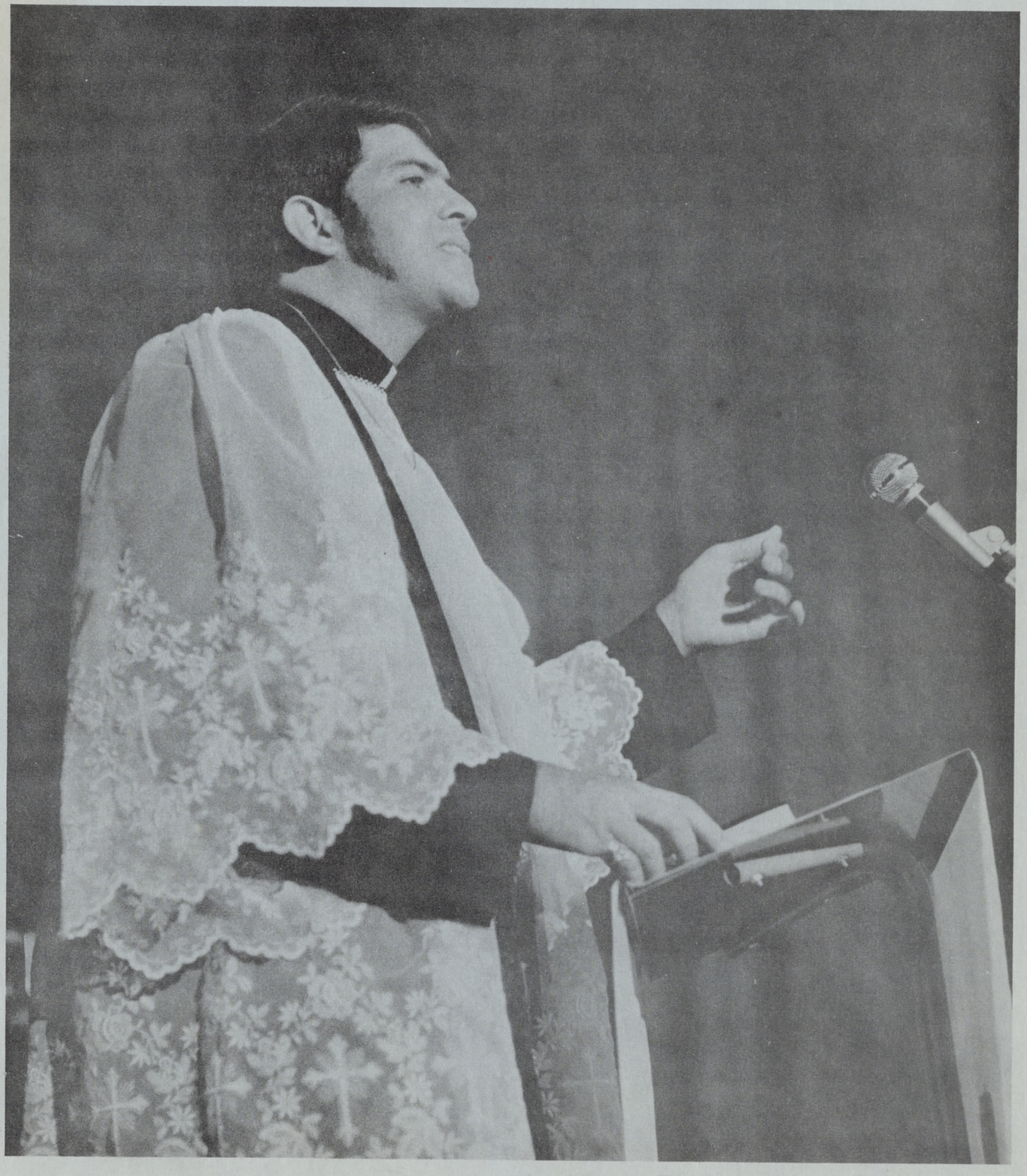

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Reeling 'Round

with Allan Leopold

Gentle Ladies, Kind Gentlemen opened in Philadelphia to the violent displeasure of the local Asian pany Theatre on South Robertson presents its version of group massage and fan and games night out

favor for all the old guys who want to see the great masterpieces again and the young men who weren't around then. On tap are such sensational attractions as: Eric Von Stroheim's *Greed* (originally eight hours long; 1923) ... Bogart in *The Treasure of the Sierra Madre* (1948) ... King Vidor's *The Big Parade* (1924) ... the silent *4 Horsemen of the Apocalypse* (1921) ... Hepburn in *The Philadelphia Story* (1940)

a sexy look, and ere long, they are getting right to it. Uninformed house men paraded up and down the aisles to make sure the audience didn't get with it too.

At the conclusion Jim Kepner, who accompanied me, announced, "No one could possibly be stimulated by that except the sheriff's officers who must be here." And, sure enough, so they were. As we left, they were arresting everyone in sight connected with the per-

15 YEARS AGO

CONVICTIONS UPHELD for Charles Lawrence and Lewis Killen, high-schoolers sentenced to 20 years for robbery-killing of allegedly homosexual airlines pilot. The hitchhike hustlers had set off

SMOKE from Jeannie's Lamp

bitter with the sweet

by JEANNE BARNEY

Hooray! My noble editor has yielded to the gratifying response

Jack of Cuyahoga Falls, as I am a sincere person too, I'm 35, 5'6" and have brown hair and eyes.

PROBLEMS ?

Jeannie welcomes letters from readers who seek advice on specific problems. Please keep letters short and to the point, so that she may answer as many as possible in her column. Address them to: Jeannie, The Advocate, Box 74695, Los Angeles 90004.

Dear Jeannie:
Thank you for all you've done,

panionship and gay friends, but, as usual, the bar scene is not the place for such activity.

I feel that the only way to meet other serious homosexuals is by joining a homophile organization, but I have not heard of any in the Cleveland area. I wonder if you or any of your readers know of any that I could join in order to meet fellow homosexuals in a proper and dignified manner.

Chuck
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Chuck:

BODY BUDDY

use logic in workouts

by ROD FULLER

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sight of this fact. This realization has helped them to obtain a good mental outlook and an attractive body.

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Another from T. of Hollywood:

Dear Rod,
While working out at the

down, and another man weight 140 pounds wants to gain some bulk, both of these men using the same weight would be a waste.

Washington file

gay activities multiply

by NANCY TUCKER

WASHINGTON, D.C.-Washington's Gay Liberation Front, organ-

quarters-residence hall, has volunteered its future premises to GLF for use as an office and meeting

Nude dancing tangled in courts, loses one battle, as war goes on

A Superior Court judge dealt nude dancers in Los Angeles bars another body blow Aug. 20.

Judge Richard C. Fildew held that city and county ordinances outlawing such entertainment in bars are constitutional. The ruling does not affect nudity in theatres.

An immediate appeal was expected, but Judge Fildew's decision disolved preliminary injunctions which had allowed the dancing to proceed, and the city attorney's office said enforcement probably would be resumed as soon as the decision became final.

This would be delayed only by a legal procedure open to attorneys for the bar-owners, known as requesting findings of fact and conclusions of law, said Deputy City Atty. Louis De Haas.

This would probably take about 10 days from the Aug. 20 ruling, he said, but could take a little longer.

The ruling caused some initial confusion because the Los Angeles Police Commission issued a new set of rules effective June 1 which seemed to concede the basic legality of [illegible] bars by lavish

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It's a bit ironic (for lack of a better word) to me personally, that the mid-term and first exam that I will write at Samaritan Bible Seminary, will be on November 4th - my grandmother's birthday - She was born in 1872; nearly 100 years ago. My grandmother raised me - in a home full of love and Christian principal. She was a thoroughly good woman, and not one person in the small community where she played a prominant part ever knew her to say (or think - I believe) an unkind or untrue thing about anyone. She could and did always find at least one good quality in a person - regardless of how they lived or appeared to be, morally, to others of the community. I owe all of my personal moral code and my faith in God to the loving up-bringing I had. Grandma Shell guided my early life in a way of faith, understanding and charity. Not only was I taught to love and honor God and His son Jesus, but I was taught respect and love toward my fellow man. As a student of Samaritan Bible Seminary, and an active member of MCC here in Los Angeles, I thank God for the many beautiful memories I have of my childhood. For there was the beginning of the lifes journey I am now embarked on.

For many years (as I know many of us in the homophile community realize) I did stray from the paths of my youth - estrangement from church (NOT God) because of the attitude of Establishment Churches due to my sexual orientation - but, somehow, thru' all my wanderings I managed to cling to the basic concepts I was raised with and I carried the Golden Rule always in my pocket.

Two years and a half ago I went back to Michigan, on a sabatical type search for the real Bo Siewert - as I felt as tho' I had lost part of my own identity. (Iwon't go into this, in depth, as those of you here in our LA congregation probably can recall my Ladies Day Testimonial this year). One can never "go back;" towns and people we've left behind don't change - but, we do. It was pleasant to recall childhood memories and feelings - and I thoroughly enjoyed tramping thru old familiar pathways in the woods; sitting quietly in a field-stone church. It was a deep tranquility that stole over me as I sat there - reliving so much of my early life - - But - not until I found MCC did I once again, find the person my grandmother taught the ways of LIFE - - My whole being has been rejuvinated my faith in God infinately strengthened, and my love for my fellowman refired with compassion, understanding and yes, love.

Skeptically, I first visited our church only to have my cynical attitude changed - rapidly - to a complete and deep commitment to serve God and my fellow - man. The phenominal growth we've experienced during the past year is only a scratch on the surface of the growth we'll go thru from now until Anniversary time in 1971 - - - God Bless

Bo Siewert

Hollywood Encore

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The Pastor Speaks

Dear Members and Friends;

It was two years ago this week Oct 6, 1968 that 12 people gathered in my home to worship God in a spirit of Holiness. The service was not unlike millians of others that take place all across America on Sunday of each week. The group was not unlike any Christian Congregation, just a few people seeking Gods will in their life.

Things change! It is now October 6, 1970. We are no longer 12 people, we are 9 churches and missions and a seminary to boot! No longer one minister but four Elders, five Ordained ministers two licensed ministers, nine exhorters and twenty two Deacons, to help carry on the work of the Fellowship. We have come a long ways, but we still have a long ways to go!

Let us stay faithful to the Lord and He will bless and anoint us and next year, we will have seen even Greater things.

In Christ

Troy D. Perry

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WHAT MCC HAS MEANT TO ME

MCC has meant so much to me. With all the beautifuy people in church there isn't one I don't love, and I hope they feel the same about me. I was brought up in a Baptist Church, with wonderful Parents: that I will never forget, they were very broad minded and if they were living today, I know they would be very proud of their grandson, Troy and what he stands for.

I know we have had a lot of good things happen in the church in this last 2 years and I know if we keep praying we will see many many more in the next 2 years.

God is such a great big God and he died for all of us; not for just a few but for all. That's why I love Him so much and know He is my God.
God Bless for all.

Mrs. Edith "Mom" Perry

By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.—John 13:35

The Homosexual Church

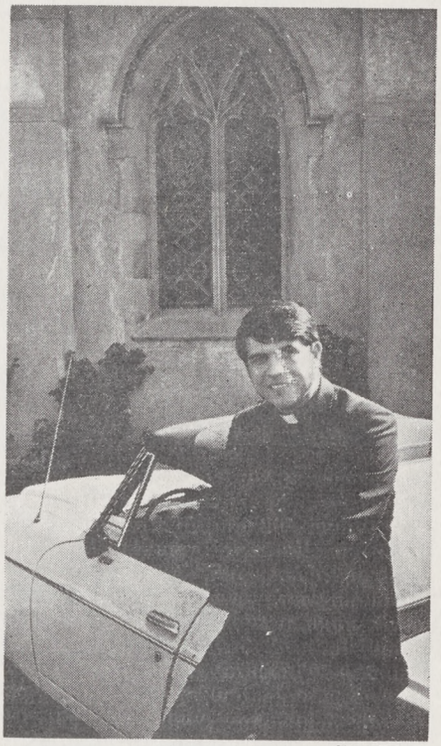
Two years ago this week a newspaper called The Advocate, which circulates primarily in the homosexual community in Los Angeles, carried a small announcement inviting readers to Christian worship services conducted by the Rev. Troy Perry. On the following Sunday, only nine of Perry's friends and three strangers showed up to worship. But despite this rather meager response, Perry, a Pentecostal preacher and an admitted homosexual, remained convinced that "the Lord" wanted him to found a gay church.

Today, Perry is pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church, a 420-member homosexual congregation that holds regular Sunday services in an old theater in Hollywood. And, considerably buoyed by his own organizational success, Perry last week undertook the next logical step: the creation of a national federation of churches for male and female homosexuals, complete with a moderator, elders, missionary branches and even a seminary. (The function of the seminary will be to train clergymen who will concentrate on bringing an evangelical Protestant message to millions of unchurched homosexuals in the U.S.)

Called the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, the nation's newest denomination claims a total membership of 1,000 in San Francisco, San Diego, Phoenix, Chicago and Los Angeles, plus growing mission congregations in a half dozen other cities from Boston to Honolulu. Unlike most churches, the new denomination's officials say, homosexual congregations normally draw up to twice their enrollment to Sunday services. "Our services are identical with Christian services everywhere," says the Rev. Mr. Perry, who is the only officer of the denomination at present willing to have his name publicly identified with the church. But one variation from normal religious practice occurs in Perry's marriage services, which he has so far performed for 36 homosexual couples—eight of them lesbian. "We substitute the word 'spouse' for 'husband' and 'wife'," the pastor explains.*

Suicide Prevention: Like other liberal denominations, the Universal Fellowship stresses service over creed and cult, and members are accepted principally on the basis of their willingness to help the homosexual community. At the mother church in Los Angeles, members provide legal and medical services which, Perry claims, homosexuals have difficulty obtaining from regular agencies. The church has also organized a group-therapy program conducted by a homosexual psychologist, sensitivity training groups run by a graduate theology student, a suicide-prevention referral service, and a special class in sign language for deaf homosexuals.

Not all the church's organizations are limited exclusively to homosexuals. (Some 20 per cent of its congregants are, in fact, heterosexuals.) The church runs a counseling service for mothers who discover that their children have homosexual inclinations and a young people's club that provides religious instruction and social activities for teen-agers, whose fathers or mothers are homosexuals. But the primary purpose of Perry's



Steve Kahn

Perry: 'People, not perverts'

denomination is to provide dignity, support and old-time Gospel religion to the gay community. "We've got to help homosexuals break away from the myths that many of them entertain about themselves," Perry believes. "Not all homosexuals are witty, brilliant, constantly happy or more artistic than other people. At the same time, we are trying to educate others to see us as people, not as perverts. We accept the terms 'homosexual' and 'gay.' but we regard terms like 'queer,' 'faggot' and 'fairy' with the same loathing that the black person has for 'nigger'."

Indeed, like all-black churches, Perry's denomination is growing because it caters to Christians whom other churches don't want—or can't accept. Some 40 per cent of his parishioners in Los Angeles were baptized Roman Catholics and another 40 per cent are, like Perry, evangelical Protestants. But all have joined his fold because they desire a conventional religious life—and a minister with a personal interest in homosexuality. An ordained Baptist preacher, Perry was married and the father of two children before he discovered his real sexual preference. But he prefers God above all, and his church is orchestrated with the kind of evangelistic fervor Pentecostalism has always offered uneasy souls.

Prohibitions: Although some religious historians have alleged that Jesus himself was a homosexual, Perry does not agree with them. "But had Jesus lived in this age," the 30-year-old pastor argues, "he at least would have been labeled a homosexual. After all, he never married, ran around with twelve guys and was even betrayed by a kiss from another guy." In any case, Perry emphasizes that the majority of homosexuals feel that Jesus was not "anti-homosexual"—and that seems to be enough for them. Despite Biblical prohibitions against homosexual love, most religious homosexuals believe that Christ died for the sins of all men. "As far as Christ is concerned," Perry concludes, "love in any form is permissible."

*California law recognizes all marriages between partners who can show a certificate from an ordained minister proving that their marriage has been solemnized in a church ceremony. This law does not stipulate that the partners must be a man and a woman, only a "husband" and a "wife."

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76 souls attended the services on the 4th "Isn't Jesus wonderful?" Miami IS growing in spite of the opposition and prejudices that are bombarding our brothers and sisters in Miami.

CHICAGO

Reverend Hose will be at the Good Shepherd Parish on October 17th, when they receive their Charter making them a member of the Universal Fellowship of MCC.

72 people in service on the 4th -- The Windy City continues to favor Rev. Green with growth in the Lord.

SAN FRANCISCO

180- - -180 people in church on the 4th. Looks like Reverend Wells will be finding a new home for our Bay area congregation SOON.

The S.F. Newsletter "Speaking Up" continues in its excellent form. Congratulations to its Editor, Jay Curtis.

COSTA MESA

Last Sunday attendance was 32 here at Orange County's MCC Mission.

An Agape (Fellowship to you Non-Greeks) Dinner was held after services complete with roast beef, green salad, baked potatoes, home baked bread (thanks to the Pastor) and melon balls.

Mike Whitney of Portland, Oregon played the organ and Jim Parmelee is conducting the singing. God Bless you all in Costa Mesa

No news from San Diego, Phoenix or Dallas, as we go to press. Come on lets' get those notices out on Sunday they must be in this office Tuesday by noon!!

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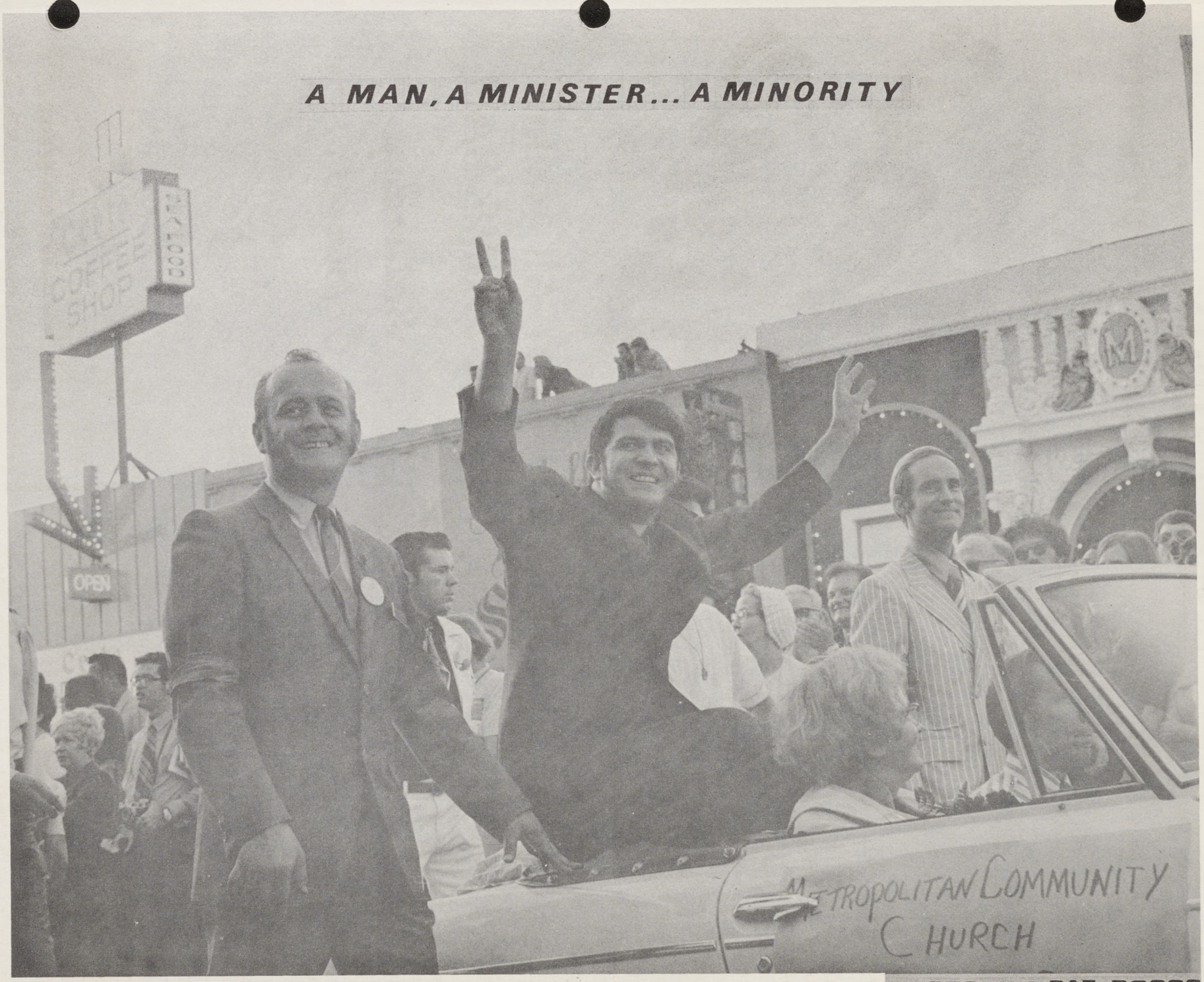

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SHARPS AND FLATS

Happy birthday, MCC!! The past two years have proven to be eventful and challenging. We've seen the embryonic faith of a dozen people bloom into a yield of five and six fold. What a growth this off-spring of humanitarianism has made, with each and every member and friend being a living factor, comprising the heart and soul of MCC here in LA and all over this country of ours. What a marvelous thought! - Just as the Musketeers used "All for one and one for all", so inclined is the fellowship of our church.

A heart with love sings; the heart of MCC is no variation. - In the beginning the singing was less stable than now. Yet, it has and is improving, by all of us working for God's glory and praise. He enables us to receive caring members, and a devoted director John Wesley, superb organist Edgar carswell.

As anniversaries, holidays, and birthdays pass, memories are stirred. MCC's 2nd birthday causes one to reflect over the past. Our humble beginnings have flourished rewardingly. Blossoming into a union of euphonics clad in crimson trimmed with gold. We have surpassed new frontiers: from our Missions in San Francisco to San Diego, from padding along Hollywood Blvd. in June, to Good Friday Services, from Easter Service to Celebrating most recently, the all important General Conference Sunday Services.

But work has a companion: play. At the beginning of this calendar year the choir officers submitted a proposal for bi-monthly roller skating parties, which have turned out to be a huge success. Even now, we all anticipate a great time at our contribution to Anniversary week. And that is, the First Annual Anniversary Costume Skating Party!

With momentum building at its present rate, our Lord must surely have grand and glorious surprises in store for each and everyone of us. "Let us be about our Fathers' business.

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Scott Dixon

Each person has a different concept of what makes a day important enough to be remembered. To some an anniversary marks a birth, a historical event, a death, a wedding, a bar mitzvah, a victory in sports, and so forth.

Each person finds their own way to commerate their special day. Some celebrate with gaity; others remember with sorrow. I know of one individual who, on the anniversary of his father's death, goes to the baths and gets laid by all available-pleasurable if not somewhat perverse.

Another couple I know stay home on special days just content to be by themselves-wishing to savor the sweetness and joy they have found in each other.

As it is with these other important date, we in MCC each has a different concept of our church's anniversary and a different way of celebrating this event.

To me, the most signifigent point concerning our church is that it marks the re-birth of the message of the Master-love and Brotherhood. Christianity had ignored the minorities for too long-in fact they made sure they were branded as misfits and outcasts. All this in the name of the Lord. MCC has changed this sad fact. God has returned to the hearts of many who thought that they were forgotten. And He has begun to be felt throughout the country by some whose hearts appeared to be made of stone.

His message is ours-Love and Brotherhood. Since I have been attending the church, I have begun to understand Him and myself. I need no special day to celebrate the founding of MCC. In my heart I regoice every day as I know many others within MCC do the same... we have a friend in our God, in our Church, and in our fellowship.

As Shakespeare said:

He that is thy friend indeed;
He will help thee in thy need;
If thou sorrow, he will weep;
If thou wake, he cannot sleep;
Thus of every grief in heart
He with thee doth bear a part.

Love, Peace, Enjoy

ASK BROTHER JUNE:
P. O. BOX 6305
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Dear Brother June:

I have never heard of a church with associate members. I don't see why we need friends in our church. For that matter I don't see why anyone would want to join the church if they aren't going to be a regular member.

It may surprise you that almost one fifth of our congregation are friends. Some of the most important activities of the church depend heavily on help from our friends. We do lots of things differently from other churches. How long do you think we would last if we turned away homosexuals just because that's what other churches do? Actually I think you are asking the wrong question. Why does any church refuse when someone wants to help the church do God's work?

Naturally I can't speak for our friends, but I do know there are lots of reasons why sincere people don't want to join as regular members. Would some of our friends like to write to us and explain why they joined as friends instead of members?

Dear J:

I too have never heard of a church with associate members. But until discovering MCC there were a lot of things I'd never heard of, such as real true fellowship, the real feeling of love amoungst the congregation, real friends, and people being true to themselves, just being what they are. Isn't that wonderful? And where on earth during church services have two members of the same sex been able to express their feelings toward one-another openly for others to see but at MCC? Beautiful, thats what it is, and beautiful is MCC.

Beautiful to are the Friends of MCC, for without Friends, our church would lose so much. Being able to really feel that you belong to the church, and yet not able to become a member, is wonderful. I thing the idea of associate members, such as Friends, is one of the true beauties of our church, MCC.

All of you who are friends, pleas write to me, so I may share your interesting comments with my readers

Brother June

Thank you for the honor of nominating me to the Board of Decons. After considerable deliberation with my own conscience, I find I must decline the nomination because of my full schedule as counsellor and co-sponser of the youth group.

Elizabeth Greco

SPREE FILM WINS FIRST PRIZE

Last Sunday evening the Park Theatre held its Fourth Biannual Ametuer Filmakers Contest. There were nine entries in the two and a half hour contest, as ametuer filmakers got a chance to make "male oriented" movies for the first time and enter them into competition. The SPREE ("Society of Pat Rocco Enlightened Enthusiasts") Film Workshop entered a film entitled "Lonesome Gulch". The film was done entirely by ametuer workshop students, many of them experiencing their first try behind the camera in the making of "Gulch". The SPREE Film Workshop is the only one of its kind. Completely supported by the organization, one can get practical motion picture experience at no cost whatsoever. "Lonesome Gulch" is the workshops third film, and many young male models are standing by to be part of the next films the workshop will be making.

The highlight of the evening at the Park Theatre was when the judges announced their choice as winning entry. When the SPREE film was named, a large whooping yell came from the excited SPREE members who were in attendance, as Mr. Seth, who guided the workshop in the making of "Lonesome Gulch", ran down the aisle to accept the $300.00 prize money and the beautiful gold cup trophy on behalf of SPREE.

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Troy has appeared on: REGIS PHILBIN, CLOSE-UP, VIRGINIA GRAHAM, TEMPO, and MEET THE PRESS and on radio stations KUSC, KHJ, & KGIL.

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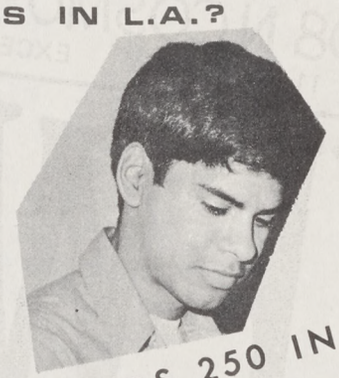

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—Anon.

INSURANCE SYMPOSIUM

BANKER'S LIFE INSURANCE CO. representatives Ed Barbera and Walter von Gremp will conduct a symposium on insurance and the homosexual on Thursday, Oct. 15th, at 8:00 P.M. at the church parsonage.

Many people from our community realize and know from experience that homosexuals are very often not treated as equally as are heterosexuals when it comes to taking out insurance policies. We too often are not permited to name our spouses as beneficiaries to our policies. And even if we are permited to do so, it's not until after we've endured a lot of friction and many raised eye-brows at the insurance company.

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WINNING FILM WILL SHOW AT SPREE MEETING

The October 13th meeting of SPREE will feature the first place winning film "Lonesome Gulch" at its regular meeting. There will also be several Pat Rocco films shown, plus a stage production of scenes from "Romeo and Juliet" which will star Paul Back, Dahr-Lin, Gordon Lang and Jean Miller. Judy Coleman (the star of "Myra Breckingbitch") will also be seen on stage, and, as usual, there'll be a few surprizes. SPREE invitations will be available at the the door as you leave services today.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING

October is the month for elections, the youth group included. The following were nominated for office:

President:	Tim Leming
	Al Ojeda
Vice President:	Allison Ramsey
	Bob Schwinger
Secretary:	Kevin Greening
	Ray Hicks
Corresponding Secretary:	Steve Rogalado
	Joe McCallough

Voting will be held October 16th,

Discussion is on for "The" event of the Church year; a first in the Church, to be sponsored by the youth group. More about this fabulous venture later.

Our next meeting will be October 16th 7:30 PM, at the Parsonage. All members are requested to be on hand. This meeting will decide who will be your officers in the ensuing year.

Thanks to all the "dunkers" who bought donuts from us at the Embassy. We realized a good profit, and the proceeds will be put to good use.

A BETTER WORLD

And how to build a better world!
Well, not by chart or plan,
Unless we start to teach the boy
To be a better man.
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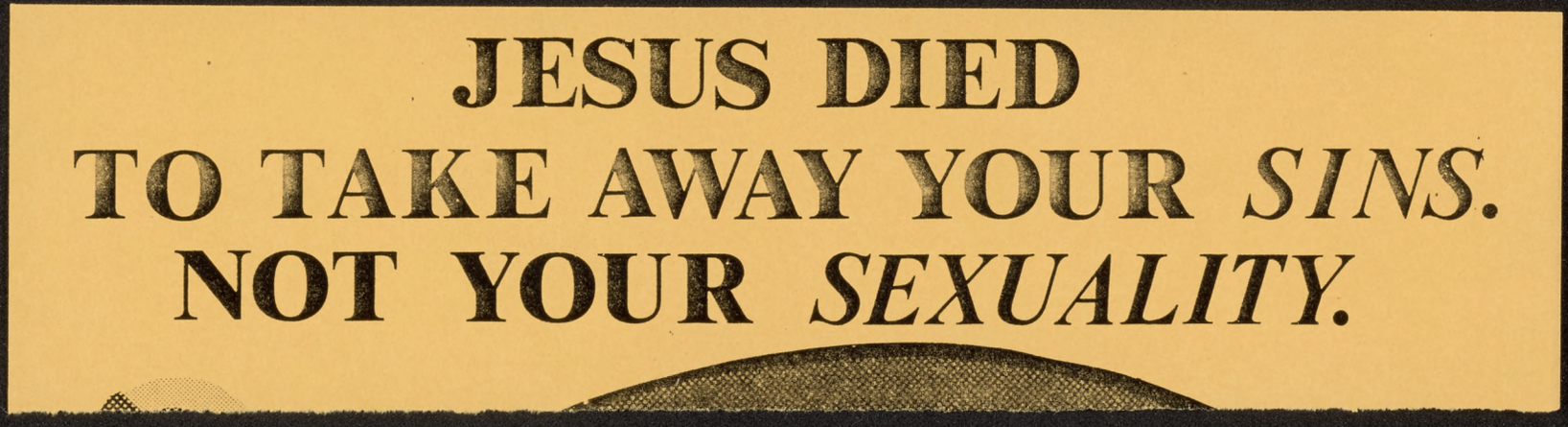
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3. That Jesus...the Christ...historically recorded as dwelling in Asia Minor some 2,000 years before this writing, is God's most divine Son, as well as being the son of man, born of woman. And that by total subservience to God, the Father, has demonstrated once and forever that all men are likewise children of God, being spiritually made in His image.

4. That the Holy Spirit is the working arm of God, available to, and working through all who are willing to place their welfare in His keeping. That the Holy Spirit is the manifestation of God's love and interest in all men, and given the opportunity, making his presence felt in their lives.

B. WE FURTHER BELIEVE THAT:

1. All men are justified to God through Faith. Although good works are commendable in the sight of the Lord, only through Faith can we hope to attain His presence.

2. Further, we are saved from loneliness, despair, and degradation through God's gift of grace, as witnessed by our Master's words when He said, "Today shalt thou be with me in Paradise." Such grace is not earned but is a pure gift from a God of pure love. We further commend the Fellowship of the Faithful to a life of prayer, seeking genuine forgiveness for unkind, thoughtless and unloving acts and deeds.

To this end, we enjoin the brethren assembled together to express through Christian witness, a personal commitment to lead Godly and Christ-like lives, approaching His throne in an attitude of prayer, seeking regeneration and rebirth.

The Church shall serve as the vehicle for bringing men to God through Christ. To this end, it shall arrange for regular services of worship, prayer, intrepretation of the Scriptures, and edification through the teaching and preaching of the Word.

UNIVERSAL FELLOWSHIP

The objective of this Fellowship shall be:

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B. To set up bodies for instruction in the science and philosophy of theology and kindred subjects for the propagation of the teachings and philosophy of the Christian Faith, as accepted by the General Conference of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches.

C. To instruct and indoctrinate those who offer themselves into the teachings and philosophy as received by this body.

D. To do all things that are compatible with the work and labor of a religious body.

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Any person desiring to become a member of any Church which is a member of the Fellowship, shall submit his application to the Clerk and the Board of Directors of such Church. Upon approval of such Board he shall be admitted to membership, after affirmation of Faith Baptism, or by letter of transfer from any other local Church body.

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A local Church body may, if it desires, accept into the Church persons who, for one reason or another, feel that they cannot become regular members of the Church, but who support the goals of the Church and want to be part of the work of the Church. Such persons shall be designated as "Friends of the Church." Friends may serve on appointed committees, and may participate in all activities of the Church. Friends may not, however, serve on the Board of Directors, or the Board of Deacons, and may not vote at congregational meetings. Friends shall not be considered in determining the number of Lay Delegates which a local Church body may send to meetings of the General Conference of the Fellowship.

LOVE IS whether it be heterosexual or homosexual, physical or emotional the most beautiful and deep felt emotion that two individuals can feel for one another. Homosexual love is not anything new – it has existed since recorded history began – In numerous societies it has been and is an accepted and condoned practice – the most famous of which were ancient Rome and Greece. Some societies have attempted to suppress it, but you cannot suppress the need in an individual for Love – it is felt in the hearts and bodies of men for one another – sometimes fulfilled, sometimes not –

Matthew of Glendale

Many of the real workers at MCC are "FRIENDS"...
Webster says a friend is one attached to another by affection or esteem.
How true this meaning is at MCC NEWS, especially and at MCC as a whole.
Most of our Friends are not of our Christian faith - because of various reasons -
I am proud to call them Brother or Sister - and many of our fellow Christians can take lessons from our Friends at MCC.
I'm happy and proud to bring you this column by a Friend and especially for our Friends...

'Bo'

THE DEVIL'S ADVOCATE

I cannot believe in God of Rev. Perry's Old Time Religion. I see no need to believe in the impossible. I feel no compulsion to believe in the improbable.

There is a difference between "unknowable" and "not worth knowing about." The ecumenical God of liberal theologians robs the God-concept of substance. I could believe in a God without dogmatic contours. With so little substance to the concept of God I just don't care enough to worry about it.

Why, then, be a part of Metropolitan Community Church? I Believe in people. I believe there is too much injustice in the world. I believe the wrongs need to be put right. I believe Rev. Perry is doing more than any other person to make this a better world for me to live in. I believe Metropolitan Community Church is doing more than any other group to make this a better world for all of us to live in.

The church has a magic effect on people. It gives them back their pride. They no longer feel they have to hide. They no longer feel they need to be ashamed. They no longer feel "sinful" while living an exemplary life. They fight back when people tell them they are sinful; they fight back when people tell them they should be ashamed; they fight back when people try to push them back into hiding in the shadows. In short they become free.

Since coming to the church I have reconsidered my life. I discovered that even I was a prisoner. No one had put me in a cage. I had done that myself. Many things I did because I thought I had to. More important, many things I did not do because I thought I did not dare. Rev. Perry said that we should not be afraid any more. Obviously he was right. What a joyous discovery to find that none of our fears materialize when we have the courage to be unafraid. The joy of freedom is beyond price.

There is so much more to our church and what it is doing than saving people from what they believe to be sin. You don't have to believe in sin to discover that you need to be saved from yourself. You don't have to worry about your life in the next world to get inspiration for your life in the here and now.

October 4th our Nursery was started by Valerie Thomas. Young parents of MCC now have a place (the Parsonage) to bring their youngsters, so that the "grown-ups" can more fully enjoy services. There will be someone there by 10:00 AM each Sunday. Bring a favorite toy.

We need more help--so if you can - Call 433-8218 and make arrangements to share the responsibility of caring for our babies. God Bless you, Valerie.

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Our choir, led by John Wesley and accompanied on the organ by Edgar Carswell, gave a thrilling performance last Christmas at the special services held in the Embassy Auditorium. At Easter, our choir gave its 1st Good Friday Oratorio concert, at the 1st Unitarian church, which was met with great acclaim. Our choir members bought their own robes and donated over a thousand dollars towards the purchase of our organ and the building fund. Proceeds for this came from our now popular, skating parties. Our choir is an organization truly dedicated to its work. We can expect even greater things in the years ahead. If you desire good Christian Fellowship and enjoy singing for the glory of God contact the choir for an audition.

Bill Thorne

Brother June Says:
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Does our congregation really want a church? It is so easy to say you want a church, but does this congregation really want a church?

Many weeks this congregation doesn't even give enough to cover the present budget, so how can the budget be made larger to assume mortgage payments?

A church big enough to fit the needs of M.C.C. will not be cheap. Even down payments are going up these days. We can expect to have to pay from 15% to 25% down -- from $25,000 to 75,000 -- and how do we do this?

When this congregation won't even meet a $600 a week budget, how can they meet one for $900 or more?

This all leads up to - can the congregation do better? Many in the congregation are giving all they can, but I am sure there are many who aren't. How many of you have suffered from or heard someone else say they were suffering from a hang-over on a Sunday morning? If someone can afford to go out drinking, don't you think he can afford to add a little more to the collection plate on Sunday? There is an old saying that God only helps them who help themselves. Or perhaps, that you only get what you deserve. Does this congregation deserve a church? There is only one way this question can be answered. Each and every one of you have to answer it yourself. Can't you give as much as you spend on your play-time activities? Or don't you think M.C.C. deserves it?

Our (my other half's and myself) answer is that we want a church. Yes, we want a church and we are willing to help get that church. We are, in fact, doubling our weekly contributions. Two people, by themselves, can not help very much, but, if everyone would just add a little more, it would help and we could have our church.

Pat and Connie

NORTHEAST PARISH

Last year, the Northeast Parish was founded to serve as a place where members and friends of our church could meet to pray, hold discussions and socialize with others. We are all very proud of our parish and everyone who attends is rewarded with fine friendships anda closer tie to MCC.

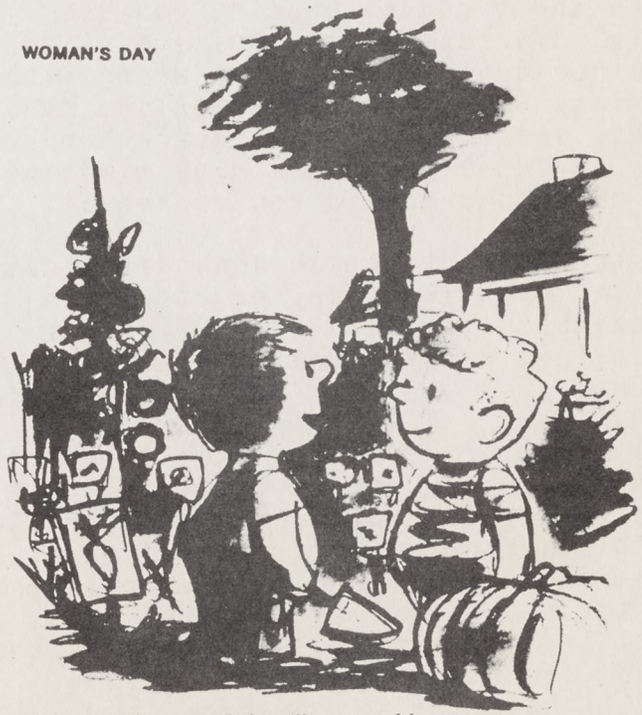
Our meetings take place in the homes of our parishioners every other Tuesday night. Our handsome deacon, Pat Vestal, starts the evening off with a prayer and various people are chosen to say the closing prayer. Alan Davis, coordinator of the group is in charge of the meeting in general. Frank Beasley is our new secretary. Our attendance averages 30 with a high of 45 - so far.

Our biggest project was the picnic held at a park in South Pasadena for everyone at MCC. Close to $500 was raised by this event.

We believe in unity as MCC and the Northeast Parish is an important factor in its strength.

Understanding humans is not enough;
Brotherhood is made of deeper stuff.

– Shamus O'Slattery



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Metropolitan Community Church is now two years old, and just look at what we've accomplished in such a short time! You know, I have to sit back once in awhile and just think back and thank God for all that's happening to our community. Each and every Sunday I see something new and beautiful, and out of all of those things I see, there is one in particular that sticks in my mind, and one so beautiful; that is two lovers.

People have said to me, "Oh, they only walk down the aisle holding hands to get attention"...well, you know what Brother Junes' opinion of that statement is without my having to print it. You know as well as I do why they're walking down that aisle holding hands; because they LOVE one another, and they LOVE God, and what better way than to walk down the aisle holding the hand of the one you love? I'm sick and tired of hearing remarks like: "Variety is the spice of life"! Brother June Says: what's wrong with variety with your lover? Also: "Who wants one when you can have a hundred?" Brother June Says: How many times out of that hundred did you regret it?

Listen friends, think about it, inside I feel each and everyone of us are seeking the same thing, LOVE. How much love can you get from a one night fling?

You know, I'm speaking from my heart now, I can say this honestly; I pray constantly for more and more marriages within our community. I want each and every one of you to have that one person who is willing to give it a try, take my advice, take them by the hand, and you'll never walk alone. You'll have God on one side, and your love on the other.

For I give to you, my hand,
My heart, my life, my love.
We will live upon this land
'Til ti .
'Til together, we drift above.
I love you, my beloved!
Brother June

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NORTHEAST PARISH NEWS
by Alan Davis

Sitting poolside, 27 people enjoyed the balmy evening breezes at a meeting of the Northeast Parish on September 29th. This fellowship was held at the lovely home of George Matson and Richard Krause in Monterey Park.

Topic discussed was "Impressions of the first MCC Conference". While not everyone attended all the events of that special weekend, almost all present commented on the subject. Frank Beasley was appointed as our new secretary. Deacon Pat Vestal gave the opening prayer while Leroy Westbrook gave an especially moving closing prayer.

Special thanks go to Tom Purcell, Irv Beazley and Hans Lemson for making those marvellous signs welcoming the out of town group at the conference.

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"OUR OBLIGATIONS AS MEMBERS & FRIENDS OF MCC"

Kevin just wrote an article for the newsletter complaining that officers of the church were not in attendance. What about the people who chronically complain about the church? Were they attending any business meetings? I doubt it!

I wonder if this isn't the time for us as a congregation of MCC to look at ourselves. Elections for candidates to various offices are asking you to look at their record of accomplishments, and work, and I feel that many of us in the congregation should stop and take a look at our selves.

Each Sunday we can fill up our church to over flowing, and when it is time for us to fulfill our financial obligation to our savior and to our church, many of you rush out to leave. I personally think they wasted a beautiful Sunday morning and took up needed seats. Then there are those who will spend a good portion of their pay to go to a bar or steam bath, and put dollar bills into a cash registers businesses that don't support our own community. A year ago, I went out with a group of people on our building fund drive. We went to many of the establishments (Gay) and asked for a contribution. We were out and out refused at some and even laughed at by a large majority. One bar owner I know said he works like a dog for the church, but I have yet to see him at our services or functions. This is an example of the places we flock to and help make possible for them to flourish, but ask them to turn over just one half of one percent and you would think you were taking their neon sign. We as church members will fork over good money for watered down drinks, but on Sunday morning, after buying a new outfit for the weekend and put ten or twenty dollars into a shabby establishment will contribute only a quarter to church, if we feel generous a dollar. Then we have the audacity to complain that we don't have a church building. Sometimes I feel maybe it is a good thing we don't have one. How would we maintain and keep it? I have met people who say that they dropped out of MCC for various reasons. I ask these people if they've talked to a board member, their Deacon, or any of the pastor's of our church? If all we're going to do is complain, and not seek a solution to our problems then how can we expect to succeed?

If you know of people who have dropped out of church for reasons unknown try to bring them back, or have them write or contact an officer of the church. Let them air their problems, to those of you who criticize the church, is it constructive criticizm, and do you have what you consider a solution? I think we should ask ourselves these questions.

1. Do we financially support our church as we should?
2. Do we criticize just to complain, or to find the solution to our problems?
3. Do we gossip about people or persons in our church? Is all that gossip needed. Remember everyone makes mistakes, and you are not helping that person, the church, or yourselves by repeating vicious rumors.
4. Do we belong to any of the church organizations, groups or do you forget the church after one o'clock on Sunday? Join a group, this is how we work to end our problems.

I did not really understand my responsibilities as a member of MCC until I saw my pastor on the steps starving for what he believes in. Makes one feel very small.

Bill Bennett

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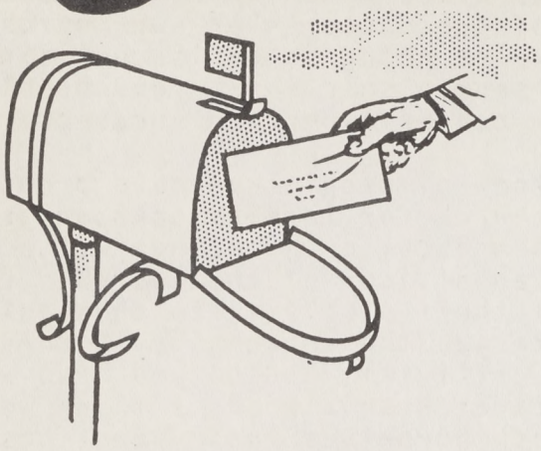

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WHAT MCC MEANS TO ME

In early April 1970, I attended services at MCC for the first time. I first became aware of MCC through a few of the active members; including Bo Siewert. I mention "Bo" mainly because after having met her at a meeting; I was so impressed by what she said and how she felt about the Female Homosexuals place in society, that I was maved to stand up in public and say that"I too am a homosexual." Now, there was only one other time in my life that I admitted this to a group of people who were considered straight. But these were proffessional people and the admitance of this was for proffessional reasons. Let me tell you; the feeling was not the same as it was to be able to say to the "straight" layman-that I am a homosexual" and not feel ashamed or fear that I might be ostracized.

Since then, I have attended MCC whenever I get a chance. (not as often as I would like to nor as often as I expect to). Even so, during my first visit I was impressed by the number of males in attendance and I wondered where the females were (not for cruising either). I asked myself didn't they realize that this was their concern too? Not seeing any females, I viewed the groups of males warily, yet ready to be receptive to any efforts of the males to be friendly. It's not that I am not friendly-I have a fear of being rejected-therefore rarely take the initiative in striking up a conversation. At any rate I was so enthralled by the different sizes, shapes and general appearances of the guys that I was satisfied being more or less left alone. I mean I've seen a group of about 40 or 50 gay guys before-but two or three hundred at once is something else. And though to be truthful-some looked ridiculous-some pompous-some like the proverbial all american boy-there was one thing that was outstanding-there was unity, like, there had to be, for the church to exist. And too, there was this feeling that at least most of them sincerely believed in this cause-whatever their reasons.

People worship God in different ways my ethnic background connutates the favoring of Gospel and a more or less vociferous reverence of God. But I like to worship peacefully-sometimes in a group-sometimes alone-I can do it both ways at MCC. After attending services at MCC, I am usually filled with a little more confidence in being what I am-and I believe that the church is necessary in the movement for the homosexual for what move has ever succeeded without God? For it is my contention that homosexuality is the prelude to the way God intended all men to be-to love one another. And though because we're rather new at it and the sexual aspect was the motivating force in unifying the homosexual-I truly believe that in the end, MCC will be the Mother Church of all the future churches of the world for it has become our "brothers" keeper.

Robbye Smith

Congratulations:

Once again we are celebrating another year at MCC. We have seen many wonderful (and sad things) happen to us, and we are ever thankful we have our church.

We have had some wonderful social events; from a simple beach party to a semi-formal Austrian dinner.

Our Christmas dance with a "Hat parade" a success. Dale Holland won two awards for his creations. The buffet dinner accompanying the festivities was beautifully prepared and served.

The church's Valentine dance was very interesting. The members of MCC gave quite a variety show; from a fire dance to Tom Purcell's interesting rendation of an exotic dancer-

Our May festival was typical of the fun our church can have; plenty of dancing, food, and some beautiful girls) competing for the crown of May Queen.

The "Board of Deacon's," presented several beautiful dinners. Thanksgiving was celebrated by one hundred fellow church members. Our assistant pastor was observed to be quite efficient in running a kitchen.

Easter dinner given by our Deacon's was observed by an even larger group. Ham and all the trimmings was served by fellow church members and enjoyied by all. Deacons Ray Street, Leo Hunt and Fred Schwarzbeck were more than enthusiastic while serving flaming desert. Their last dinner for this year was an Austrian dinner. Steak Eszterhazy and wine. Bill Green and Jeff Moore, sang with Martin Seneca accompanying on the piano.

The Board of Deacon's also served ham and potato salad at our beach rty.

The Northeast Parish had a picnic with roast beef and watermelon. Their picnic was enjoyed by a great many of MCC'ers.

So we begin a new year. We are going to have many wonderful times (and many sad times) but, as fellow church members we are all going to share them together and work hard so that at this time next year we can look back and see our accomplishments and the love we have for one another.

Bill Bennett

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"I'm But A Stranger Here, Heaven Is My Home"
At 65 miles sing -
"Nearer My God To Thee"
At 75 miles sing -
"When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder, I'll Be There"
At 85 miles sing -
"Lord, I'm Coming Home."

I first heard of MCC in January of 1970, and all my friends at the time said it was a queer church and not to go there, but I didn't listen to them. I kept on saying I was going to go, but something always came up that made it almost impossible for me to attend, so at that time I never went. In June of this year I met my better half David Mainer, and he brought me to church for the first time in July. Ever since then I have been coming to church, and just this past Sunday I became a member of MCC. To say the least, this church has moved so jast, that it is getting to the point where other churches are trying to catch up. I was talking to the owner of the Canyon Club the other day and he said he wished he had the crowd at his place that they have at MCC every Sunday. I have never been as happy as I am now my own church which was back in New York City (a section of N.Y. called Jamaica Queens) dropped me like a hot potato when they found out I was gay. I know I have done the right thing by quitting my old church and coming to this new church, the real church of God.

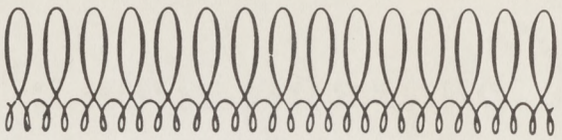
I'm very pleased to bring you a new column: "Dear Diary" ... Enjoy it...but read it carefully; there's a message here for all of us...

"Bo"

Dear Diary:
1:05 P.M. Sept. 24th, 1970

Thursday I awoke with these words on my lips, "There is a time for everything". (Read Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 for the full quote).
Now is the time for unity, the time to end smallness and bickering. The time to rise above petty issues, putting the greater cause of homosexual freedom first.
Only then will we have made the first step towards God's teachings, loving all mankind and the lesser likes more such as animals and plants.
The Lord has made it evident...Homosexuality is the prelude to being an all loving people or all the Lord has made...

Robbye

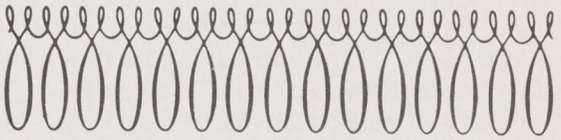


ON FORGIVENESS

"I must forgive lies directed against me because so many times my own conduct has been blotted by lies. I must forgive the lovelessness, the hatred, the slander, the fraud, the arrogance which I encounter, since I myself have so often lacked love, and have hated, slandered, defrauded, and been arrogant, and I must forgive without noise or fuss. In general, I do not succeed in forgiving fully; I do not even get as far as being always just. But he who tries to live by this principle, simple and hard as it is, will know the real adventures and triumphs of the soul."

Albert Schweitzer*

**From "Days with Albert Schweitzer" By Frederick Franck*



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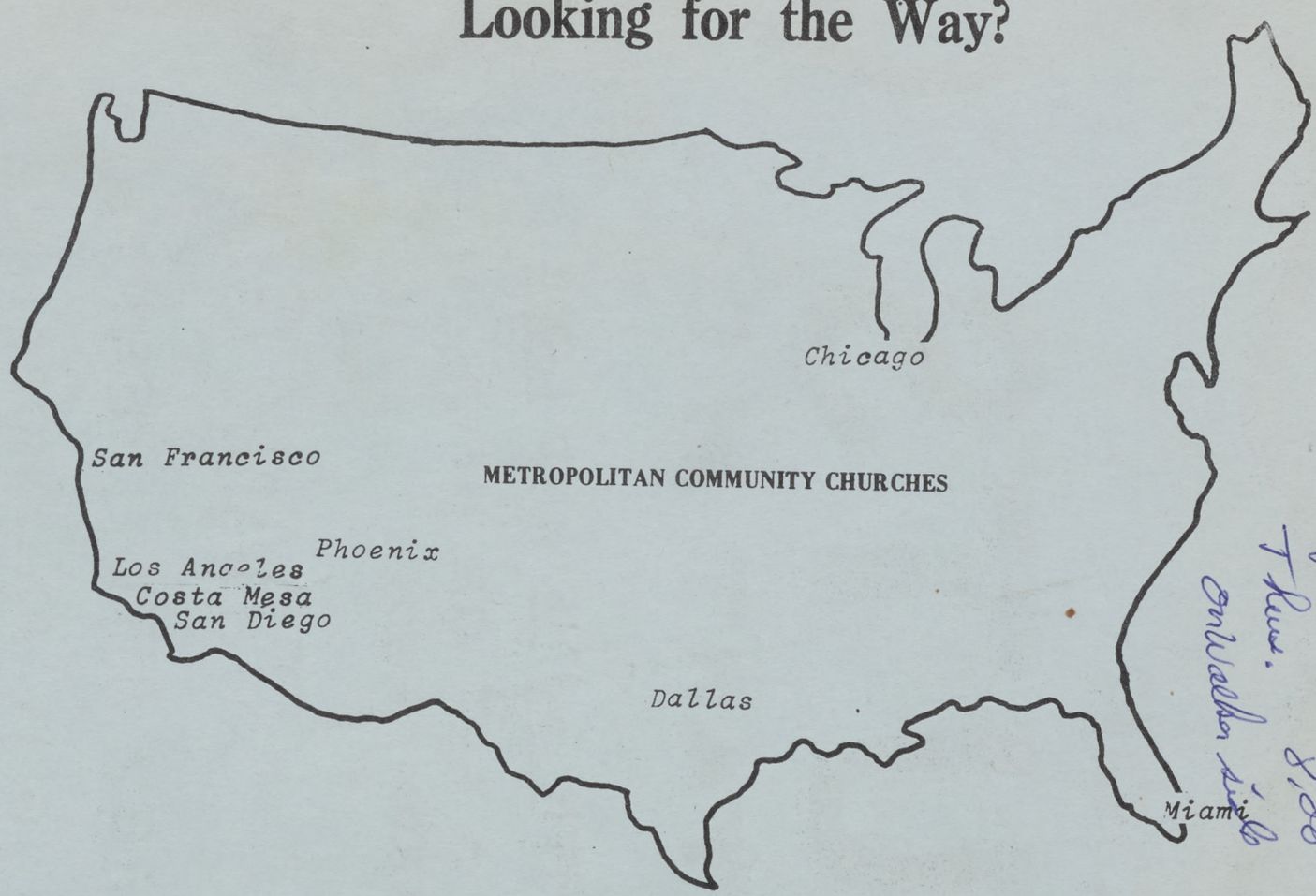

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